

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 591
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A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Dr. Edwin Sheffield
Gleaves on the occasion of his retirement as the
Tennessee State Librarian and Archivist.

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that the members of this legislative body should honor those public servants who, in their years of work, have performed with uncommon devotion and enthusiasm; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Edwin Sheffield Gleaves is one such estimable person who has served with distinction for eighteen years as Tennessee's State Librarian and Archivist from 1987 to 2005; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Gleaves graduated from David Lipscomb College in 1958 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in English and Spanish; and graduated from Emory University in 1960 with a Master of Arts degree in Librarianship and in 1964 with a Ph.D. in English; he received a Certificate of Spanish Studies, Escuela Normal de Profesores, Saltillo, Coahuila, Mexico, in the summer of 1962; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Gleaves has since overseen the education of a generation of librarians as Director of the Peabody/Vanderbilt Library School from 1967 to 1987, with many of his students having become leaders in the library profession; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Gleaves also consulted and taught in universities in Columbia, Mexico, Paraguay, and Venezuela, and was awarded a Fulbright Lectureship to the University of Costa Rica; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Gleaves has been widely published and has received numerous distinguished awards from state and national organizations, among them the Frances Neel Cheney Award for Outstanding Contributions to the World of Books and Librarianship, Tennessee Library Association, 1986; the Children's International Education Center (CIEC)

Certificate of Recognition for Outstanding Services, 1987; the Tennessee Library Association Honor Award for Significant Contribution to the Improvement of Library Service in Tennessee, 1990; the White House Conference on Library and Information Services Taskforce Special Award in Recognition of Commitment and Special Support for the Betterment of Libraries and the Improvement of Library Services, 1990; and the Edwin S. Gleaves Scholarship Program, established by the Tennessee Library Association in 2004; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Gleaves has served with distinction on a number of professional organizations and boards, including the American Library Association, the American Library Association International Relations Round Table, the Association for Library and Information Science Education, the Chief Officers of State Library Agencies, the Southeastern Library Association, the Society of Tennessee Archivists, the Tennessee Historical Commission, the Tennessee Historical Records Advisory Board, the Tennessee Historical Society, the Tennessee Library Association, the White House Conference on Library and Information Services Taskforce, the Tennessee Ornithological Society, and the Disciples of Christ Historical Society Board of Trustees; and

WHEREAS, since becoming Tennessee State Librarian and Archivist in 1987, Dr. Gleaves has recognized the importance of new technologies in libraries and has helped to transform Tennessee libraries into the electronic age by overseeing the establishment of the Tennessee Electronic Library now made available to every Tennessean, the connection of public libraries to the Internet, and the implementation of the statewide online catalog interlibrary loan system; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Gleaves has demonstrated uncommon leadership with the Regional Library System, which has continued its sixty-year heritage of providing financial assistance, technology, and continuing education to public libraries throughout the State of Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Gleaves has been instrumental in expanding the scope and quality of archives and record keeping in Tennessee; he has helped to establish the Archives Development Program and the position of Assistant State Archivist, overseen a fourfold increase in the number of local archives, and revitalized the Tennessee Historical Records Advisory Board; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Gleaves has also presided over the growth of Tennessee Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped into a program currently serving over 6,000 disabled citizens; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Gleaves, in addition to his distinguished career as State Librarian and Archivist and as Peabody Library School Director, has also dedicated his talents to the service of others through his work as a volunteer Spanish translator for the Siloam Clinic and as a naturalist volunteer for the Warner Nature Center; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Gleaves has truly served as an inspiration to his colleagues, peers, and family as he has devoted his time to such notable causes; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Gleaves epitomizes the ideal of the involved citizen who is wholly committed to the highest ideals of public service and quality education for all, and he should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we extend to Dr. Edwin Sheffield Gleaves our heartfelt wishes for a happy and fulfilling retirement and every continued success in his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the members of this body offer our gratitude for the stalwart dedication and inspired leadership that Dr. Gleaves has shown throughout all of his years of service to the State of Tennessee.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.